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Dear Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger, Senator Crisco, Representative Haddad, Senator Frantz, Representative Camillo, and Commerce Committee Membership:

I would like to thank the Commerce Committee for raising House Bill 6529, An Act Promoting Economic Development In The Surrounding Area Of Oxford Airport. This legislation is designed to help spur economic growth and facilitate a higher quality of life for residents of the area and for visitors in the area.

There are several reasons why further aiding the economic development of the area surrounding the Oxford Airport greatly benefits many Connecticut citizens. First, spurring the economy creates job growth and lowers the rate of unemployment in the area. By both developing infrastructure and enticing private companies to locate themselves in the area, many more Connecticut residents would be employed to build these structures and, after they are built, will staff them. Second, there are inherent benefits to neighborhood development that has been shown to improve education, lower the crime rate, and stabilize the local economy. Finally, since the area is surrounding an airport, the development of this area will be valuable to those who do not reside in Connecticut because they will now be offered improved goods and services, making the airport a more desirable place to arrive in and depart from Connecticut.

I thank the Committee for raising this important bill and ask that it be given a favorable report. I am sure that passage of this act will be beneficial to all residents of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

  
Arthur O'Neill  
State Representative